

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs 13 through 19 previously added on Page 3 of Applicant's response mailed on March 1, 2004 to page 7 of Applicant's originally-filed application, after the paragraph that begins with "Fig. 13," with the following amended paragraphs:

~~Fig. 14 is a pictorial view of another embodiment of the present invention showing the contact plate member as a pin;~~

~~Fig. 15 is a sectional view taken along line XV-XV of Fig. 14;~~

~~Fig. 16 is a plan view of the single pin contact plate member 5c of Fig. 14 and the position detecting mechanism at its first angular position;~~

~~Fig. 17 is a plan view of the single pin contact plate member 5c of Fig. 14 rotating the position detecting mechanism into its second angular position;~~

Fig. ~~18~~ 14 is a side elevational view of an alternative embodiment of the sensor rail device illustrating a double pin contact plate member 5c in its "OFF" position;

Fig. ~~19~~ 15 is a plan view of the double pin contact plate member 5c of Fig. ~~18~~ 14 rotating the position detecting mechanism into its "Semi-OFF" position; and

Fig. ~~20~~ 16 is a plan view of the double pin contact plate member 5c of Fig. ~~18~~ 14 rotating the position detecting mechanism into its "ON" position.

Please replace paragraph 2 on page 9 starting on line 10 of Applicant's originally-filed application, which starts with "The upper rail body," with the following paragraph:

The upper rail body 3 in this embodiment comprises a pair of plate materials which are ~~jointed~~ joined firmly back to back by appropriate joining means such as welding, adhesion, or bolt means, and each lower edge of the upper rail body 3 spreads outward and then

upward to provide a longitudinally extending upper hooked rail portion as shown in Fig. 3.

The below paragraph which was originally presented on Page 4 of Applicant's response mailed March 1, 2004 to replace paragraph 3 on page 15 starting on line 13 of Applicant's originally-filed application, which starts with "In another embodiment," is re-stated for clarity to assure its entry into this application:

In another embodiment of the present invention, the position sensor device 5 or 25 is attached to the lower rail body 2 instead of the upper rail body 3, and the contact plate member 5c is provided on the upper rail body 3 instead of the lower rail body 2. This arrangement illustrated in Figs. 12 and 13 works practically identically with the arrangement set forth in Figs. 2 and 3.

The following paragraph is to replace the paragraph presented on Pages 4-5 of Applicant's response mailed on March 1, 2004, which was presented to replace paragraph 4¹ on Page 15 starting on line 21 of Applicant's originally-filed application, which starts with "The contact plate member":

The contact plate member 5c may comprise ~~a single pin member 5j~~ or a number of pin members 5k arranged close to one another on the upper rail body 3 (not shown) or lower rail body 2 (as illustrated in Figs. 14-16 20) instead of a plate material (as illustrated in Figs. 2-5). The lower rail body 2, upper rail body 3, stay device 4, and sensor position device 5 (and its assembly) are substantially identical to those discussed above, and therefore the same reference numbers are used in Figs. 14-16 20 to describe such parts and assemblies. ~~As illustrated in Figs. 14-17, a single pin member contact plate member 5c operates the same as the plate material, discussed in detail above and illustrated in Fig. 5, providing a~~

~~contact point to pivotally rotate contact lever member 5b relative to magnet member 5d.~~ As illustrated in Figs. 14-16 ~~18-20~~, a double pin contact pin member 5c provides a double-step configuration with a middle "Semi-OFF" range between the "ON" range and the "OFF" range similar to the contact member 5c with a second step (Fig. 6b) discussed in detail above. The description of ~~a single and~~ a double pin member contact plate member are for illustration purposes only and not to limit the invention in any way. The number of pins will vary depending on operational needs.

¹ Response mailed on March 1, 2004 erroneously stated paragraph 4